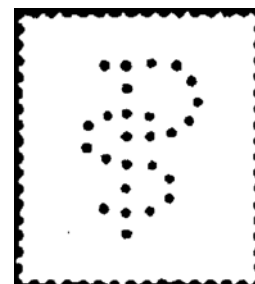


In recent weeks there has been an increased demand from members to have their postage stamps perfinned with the Society die. This machine is currently held by the writer, who will be pleased to oblige any request as long as the stamps are current valid mint ones of a country who has authorised the usage of our die. Because there has been some additions to the list it may be as well to outline which postal authorities do allow it (\* denotes a recent addition to list) :-



GREAT BRITAIN

AUSTRALIA

EIRE

NEW ZEALAND

SWEDEN

U.S.A.

Local Posts of :-

\*ILES CHAUSEY - Channel Islands

\*ISLE OF CANNA

\*LES ECREHOU

\*LES MINQUIERS - Channel Islands

\*LUNDY ISLAND

\*STEEPHOLM - Bristol Channel

The Local Post stamps are of course carriage labels and still have to bear postage stamps in addition, either of Gt. Britain, Channel Islands or France, depending upon where they are situated. Nevertheless the writer, being a stickler for correctness, refused to perfin any of them until confirmation that the issuing authority in each case had authorised the use of a perfin upon the 'stamps'. In most cases also I have now seen commercially used examples through the post, but all have so far been perfinned in very small quantities.

One Society member has applied to the Spanish Postal Authorities for permission to perfin, but to date no reply has been received. The recent addition of New Zealand to the list is thanks to Barry Pawson who received a letter from the Director of Postal Services dated 6th August 1984, part of which reads -

"In general terms, the Post Office sells stamps in payment for postal services. Once the stamps are sold, the

department is not concerned with what the customer does with them. Accordingly, your Society may perfin stamps providing the perfin design does not obscure the design of the stamp or the denomination.

In passing, I should mention that the Post Office does not 'repurchase' perfinned stamps."

The only Postal Authority known to have refused permission is CANADA, but there must be others willing to allow it who have not yet been approached - say FRANCE or HOlland for example. Perhaps members residing there may like to try? If successful, just send a photocopy of the letter of consent to the writer and he will be pleased to extend the list of users and give future generations of perfin collectors something to look out for.

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